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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action. The request filed on 11/22/00 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/765901 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

Claims 22-37 and 39-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chevallier et al. '570.

This is the same rejection as in paper no. 20, incorporated herein by reference.

Claims 38 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chevallier et al. '570 as applied to claims 22-37 and 39-45 above, and further in view of Cox et al.

This is the same rejection as in paper no. 20, incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant's arguments filed 3/16/2001 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

Chevallier column 11 uses essentially the same deagglomeration technique as specification pg. 11. Thus, the results are deemed to be the same. No differences in the viscosity have been shown. The claims do not exclude the step of adding a deagglomerating agent, and a reference which sprays clearly would deagglomerate to avoid plugging problems.

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